

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE 21 Aug 59 | | 2. LOCATION 17 Mi NW of Marysville, Ohio | | 12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical | |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1300 GMT | | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar | | | |
| 5. PHOTOS Specimen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | 6. SOURCE Civilian | | | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A | | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 | | 9. COURSE N/A | |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Glass plate fell fm the sky & landed on the roof of a house at the feet of observer. Size of the glass was 53x107 MM, rdd tinted. Surface was smooth w/four ground lines intersecting at the center forming an 8 pointed star. The edges of the glass appeared carbonized as if subjected to extreme heat. | | | | 11. COMMENTS This obj was identified as coming fm a mosaic window. The burned areas on the glass resulted fm burns when glass was installed in the window frame. The common way of installing this type of glass was w/lead. | |

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
376TH BOMBARDMENT WING MEDIUM
United States Air Force
Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 376DCOI

27 August 1959

SUBJECT: Identification of Falling Object

TO: ATIC (Major [REDACTED])

1. The inclosed glass object fell from the sky, at approximately 1300 hours on Friday, 21 August 1959, and was discovered 17 miles NW of Marysville, Ohio (coordinates 4022N 8421W). This glass plate fell on the roof of a house and landed at the feet of Mr. [REDACTED], Ohio. Mr. [REDACTED] turned the glass plate over to Mr. [REDACTED], County Civilian Defense head who contacted the Air Base. This glass object was furnished to a member of the Intelligence Division, 376th Bombardment Wing, at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio on Tuesday, 25 August.

2. Weather conditions were reportedly good at the time and no aircraft were visible or heard at the time the object landed nor were any aircraft heard immediately prior to the time the object fell.

3. Investigation by the Intelligence Division of this headquarters reveals the following information:

- a. Size: 53 x 107 mm.
- b. Gage: Standard plate glass.
- c. Color: Red tinted on both sides.
- d. Surface: Smooth, with four ground lines intersecting at the center of the glass forming an eight pointed star.
- e. Condition: Good, except broken into three parts which match together perfectly except for one missing broken sliver of glass. The edges appear carbonized as if this glass was subjected to extreme heat.

4. The Journal Tribune, in Marysville, Ohio published a picture of this object on Monday, 24 August. The article erroneously listed the date of the fall as being Saturday, 22 August rather than 21 August. A copy of the article is included as inclosure 2. The [REDACTED] Marysville, Ohio. No publicity releases have been requested or released by this station.

5. Examination of this glass by T/Sgt Charles E. Robinson, 376th Armament and Electronics Squadron of this station, reveals the following information:

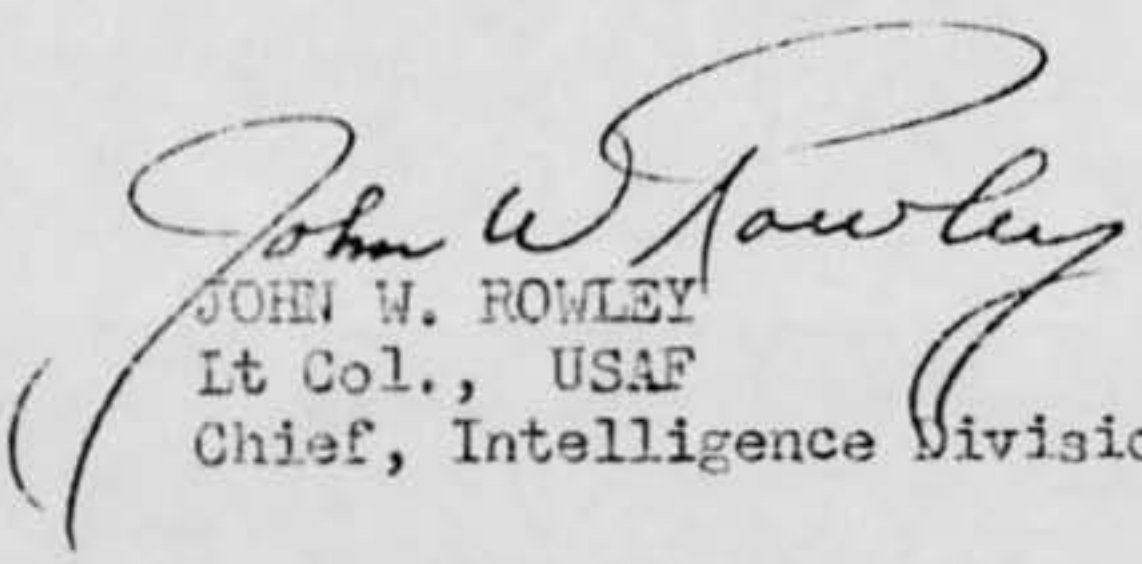
"This item appears to be a water house stop that could be used in conjunction with the O-23 Radar Recording Camera or the O-22 Radar Recording Camera. These type cameras do not have built-in diaphragms, therefore different size water house stops may be used to allow the amount of light passing through and exposing the film to be varied. This would be extremely valuable in high altitude, high speed aircraft using the above mentioned cameras if used for taking optical photographs in conjunction with a bombing system" [REDACTED]

6. The carbonization of the glass and apparent melting of the glass may have been caused by air friction as would be generated by extremely high speed aircraft or by a free fall from extreme altitudes.

7. Personnel at North American Aircraft, Columbus, Ohio, informed us that they had no photo equipped aircraft in the area at that time. Aircraft assigned to this base do not use this type equipment.

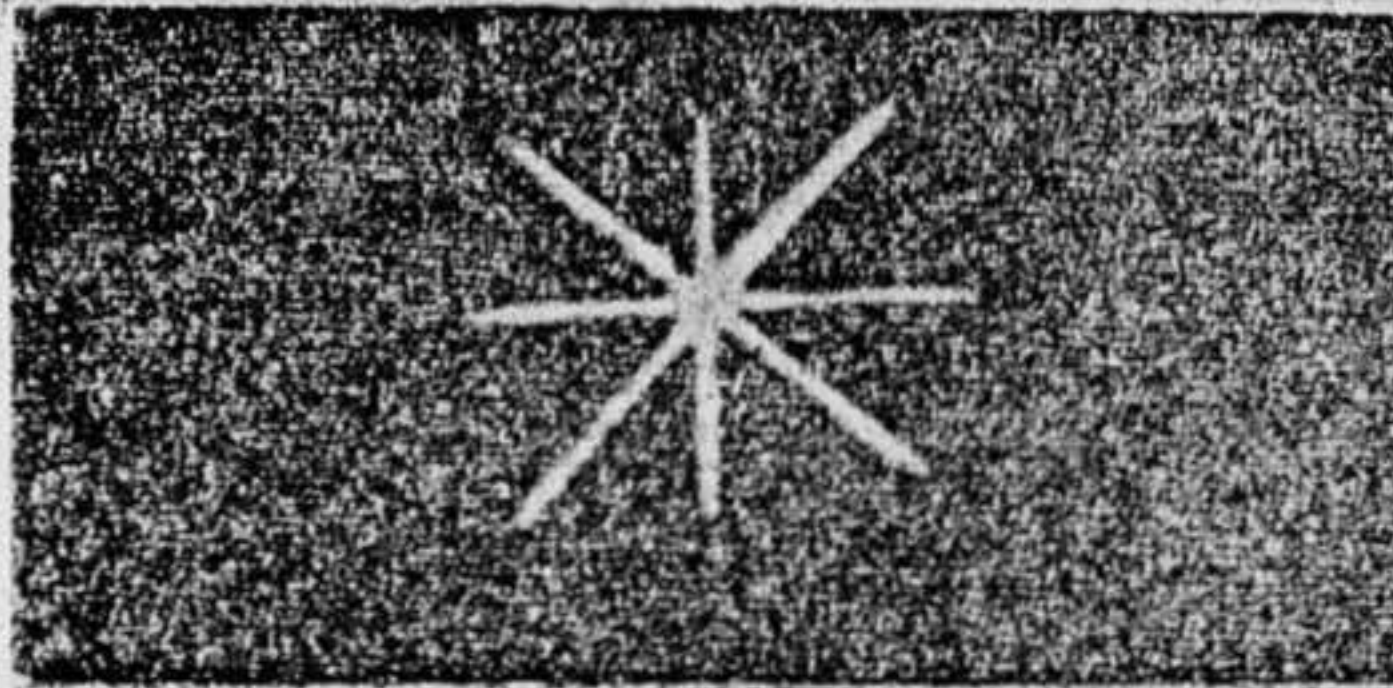
8. Colonel Vitunak (telephone 54204), when contacted at Wright Patterson AFB, advised that the glass be forwarded for further examination.

9. If unclassified, request that a copy of the results of your determination as to the source of this falling object be forwarded to this station in order that a letter of appreciation may be forwarded to the finder, Mr. [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] has also requested further information for a follow-up story and at the same time desires to publish information advising his readers of the procedure to be followed in the event further objects should be found or have already been found but not reported.


JOHN W. ROWLEY
Lt Col., USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

2 Atch
1. Glass plate
2. Newspaper clipping

What is It?



Satellite or saucer souvenir? State Civil Defense headquarters will be asked for an opinion. This four- by two-inch red-stained heat-marred glass, etched with a seven-point star was a bolt from the blue Saturday for Arnold Wiley, Richwood Rt. 1. Wiley was coming around the house when it hit the roof and fell on the ground near him. He said there was no plane in sight and he didn't hear anything. He turned the glass over to Robert Gordon, county CD head, who said he would send it to Columbus.

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Marysville and Union County**

WE'RE FOR IT

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This case contains 1
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" glass slide.